

## SCHOOL SYSTEM CHANGE OPPOSED

Chamber of Commerce Committee Decides to Fight Recommendation.

## BIG CRUSADE EXPECTED

Resolution Declares Present Arrangement Gives Good Representation and Is Free from Politics.

The public schools committee of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday adopted a resolution opposing the District Commissioners' recommendation to Congress that the public schools be placed under the control of the District of Columbia.

The resolution was presented to the directors of the chamber tonight. It was predicted that not only will the organization adopt the resolution but that the action will initiate District-wide opposition to the Commissioners' recommendation.

The resolution was presented to the public schools committee by A. Lettich Sinclair and was adopted with but one dissenting vote. It declares the present school law of the District is an "efficient and satisfactory one and should not be changed," and further says:

"That the best interests of the school children, of the teachers, and of the public, require that permanent preservation of the feature of local representation in the administration of the public schools of the District of Columbia, and that we particularly commend the provisions of the present law, vesting power of appointment of the members of the Board of Education in the judges of the Supreme Court of the District, as being well calculated to result in the creation of a thoroughly representative body, free from politics."

## Points of Difference.

The principal points of difference between the present system of school government and the proposed change of the Commissioners, as pointed out by Mr. Sinclair, are that three women must serve on the present board, which is not required in the Commissioners' plan; that the appointment of the directors by the judges of the District Supreme Court precludes the entrance of politics into the appointments since the judges serve for life; that the Commissioners' plan would make the laws of the school system, while such laws would be abolished and replaced by those of the Commissioners' own board of directors; and that a larger representation is to be had with nine directors than with the five proposed by the Commissioners, especially since three women now serve on the board, and declared a better purpose is served by the appointment of teachers by the directors than would obtain with their appointment by the Commissioners.

The Chamber of Commerce some years ago was instrumental in defeating a bill introduced by Senator Tamm which would have placed the public schools under the direction of the United States Commissioner of Education and gave a similar power now asked by the District Commissioners.

## IS YOUR HEALTH OF IMPORTANCE?

Look After It Carefully and Heed the Warnings of Nature.

## VITAL ORGANS NEED PROMPT ATTENTION

It is surprising when you think how many people are suffering from different maladies and let such conditions go on without ever making an attempt to find out what is the matter. It is this neglect that causes all the needless suffering and pain, often real life in loss of time from business and finally, financial destruction. This should not be, and since the advent of such a really wonderful medicine as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, it is nothing short of criminal neglect. Each day we hear of some man or woman who suffered for a long time and by taking only one or two bottles of the "Pink Pills" have fully recovered and are once more able to enjoy life and live in health and happiness.

One of the cases coming to the attention of our representative in Nashville, Tenn., was that of Mrs. R. L. Jordan, 602 West End avenue, who was sick with indigestion, bad liver, loss of appetite, and a general breakdown. In speaking of her case she said: "I had gas on the stomach, weak and inactive liver, pain in my side, and no appetite. I heard of the benefits others had received through DRUGS and decided to give it a trial. I have taken only two bottles and the indigestion is much better, my liver is much better, the pain in my side has disappeared, and I am feeling greatly improved generally. I think it a great medicine and can recommend it to everyone."

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## MY FAVORITE CHARACTERS.

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THERE was no character I ever played so whimsical or as full of spirit as Tess of the Storm Country. Whenever I am asked what play, either of the spoken or silent drama, I like best, I answer without having to ponder upon it—Tess.

I think my friends all over the world have liked Tess the best, for I have had hundreds of letters, even from the little children whom I thought would be better pleased with Cinderella. Some of them vote for "Hearts Adrift," but Tess is the one who stands out most vividly.

Rags is another harum-scarum, and many have written that Rags comes second.

To me Tess was such a dear because she has so many sides to her character. That is what made her so human, and still there was nothing of the natty-pamby about her. There were some keen moments of tragedy in her life, of melting pathos, and yet the most delicious of comedy situations.

She was deeply religious even in her profanity. But Tess had no idea she was profane; she just hadn't the chance to be "taught," as Tess would say, and like all little tikes brought up without a mother, she was hungry for divine knowledge. When she felt the need of a Bible and couldn't afford one, she stole her Bible out of the church. Nor could she understand them when they told her she had done something wrong, that even such a theft was a sin.

When I read the book I loved her and when I played her my whole heart and soul were in my work. She always seemed like a real girl to me, not a girl in a story book.

I have begun to realize how quick the public is to appreciate the sincerity of the actor or actress. The dramas in which we give the best that we are capable of, we always enjoy the most. They are quick to detect any falseness, and unnatural characters are ruled off the boards these days. It really requires greater effort and skill to develop a character than a plot.

In "Hearts Adrift" I felt all the abandon of a little wild thing; it was almost as if I belonged to another planet. We actresses enter so into the characters we are playing it is hard to shake off the spell of them and go on to the next work-a-day lives. During the harum-scarum part of Tess, long after my scenes were taken, would I strut around, saucy as a plot.

Mary Pickford.

## BARROWS SAYS POLICE FREQUENTED BARROOM

Former Tenant Testifies He Saw Unformed Men in Saloon of Cairo Apartment.

That he saw policemen in uniform frequently in the bar of the Cairo apartment house, in Q street northwest, was the testimony of John V. Barrows, a former tenant of the place, at the hearing before the Excise Board yesterday on the application of the Cairo Apartment House Company for a liquor license. The Cairo's license was rejected at the beginning of the license year.

Mr. Barrows testified that he saw the policemen while having his hair cut in the Cairo barber shop. Umberto Cammarino, a barber, employed in the shop, testified that while it might have been possible for his customers to have seen into the bar, he was usually busy with his work and did not pay much attention to what went on in the bar.

The case was continued until next Monday morning to enable both sides to introduce further testimony.

## G. W. BAZAAR TODAY.

Hospital Board of Lady Managers Will Entertain.

The board of lady managers of the George Washington University Hospital will hold its annual bazaar, luncheon, tea and dance this afternoon and evening at Hotel Stalagh.

The bazaar will commence at 11 o'clock and continue until midnight. The luncheon will be from 11 a. m. to 2 p. m. Tea will be served throughout the afternoon. The principal attraction will be the dance, which commences tonight at 8:30 o'clock and continues until past midnight. The bazaar is being held for the benefit of the hospital, and several hundred students, together with faculty members and society patrons, will attend.

The chairman of the various committees are: Mrs. Charles W. Richardson, bazaar; Mrs. A. Lasser, tea table; Mrs. William Prentiss, fancy work; Mrs. Charles Herbert Stockton, wife of Rear Admiral Stockton, U. S. N., retired, president of the university, apron table; and Mrs. Albert Mills, dance committee.

## Will Finance Conventions Fund.

The financial subcommittee of the joint committee on conventions representing the Board of Trade, Retail Merchants' Association, and Chamber of Commerce, yesterday discussed plans for the raising of funds to bring conventions to Washington.

Delph, D. J. Callahan and Thomas Grant were chosen to appear before the Washington Hotel Men's Association and request support. The plans will be discussed at the meeting tonight of directors of the chamber.

## SUFFRAGE RANKS MAY BE UNITED

Union Would Work in Congress and Nationals Withdraw from District.

## HOLD MANY CONFERENCES

Older Organization Will Not Countenance "Anti-Party Policy," Which It Terms Militancy.

That the National Woman Suffrage Association and the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, the two biggest organizations in the United States working for the enfranchisement of the fair sex, will either unite or divide the field geographically when they are both in national convention here today was the prediction made about the lobbies of the New Willard. Negotiations have been in progress between the two rival organizations for the past twenty-four hours.

If consolidation cannot be effected at this time, then the withdrawal of the National Association from the District of Columbia will be asked. The Congressional Union's efforts are devoted solely to working with Congress; the National to both working upon Congress and working with the people of the individual States.

## Will Consider Plan Tuesday.

All day yesterday and practically all night, deputations of delegates from one organization have been conferring with the other. Bedroom caucus, the valley, desert, and acres of tropical growth. Tess was taken at Santa Monica, half an hour from Los Angeles and just a few yards away from the Inceville studios.

During the Eastern winters we generally go to California, but this year we shall remain in New York, and when we are to take pictures that call for the green things we shall go to Florida or even Cuba. So, you see, we lead a life of "hurry-pack—catch the train—stay a while—then back again." But I like it. I enjoy seeing the country and the change of climate if you don't have to put up with too many inconveniences.

## Answers to Correspondents.

Miriam C. Stamford, Conn. writes: "Pardon my criticism, Miss Pickford, but we did not like you as well in 'Such a Little Queen' because you were modern clothes. Can't you always play 'ragged party'?"

Instead of a poor little rich girl, must I forever play a rich little poor girl? I must confess the most appealing characters to me are raggedy girls as you call them. But I do enjoy dressing up once in a while. Won't the public let me?

Mr. Dalton L. D. Atlanta, Ga.: "How grateful I am for your beautiful praise and to know I bring happiness into your life through my pictures. I am always ready to paragon about adopting a grandchild. You are right. Why shouldn't we adopt lonely old people as well as children? Your own grandchildren must be very proud of you. To me it is wonderful that you, at 38 years old and still able to take them in the picture shows several times a week."

## MOTOR GOSSIP

By "SI" GROGAN

Auto enthusiasts who plan to own a car next year should be touching with their dealers now. Their orders should be placed as soon as possible if they wish to insure themselves of delivery when the summer months are upon them. Automobile selling is no longer a spring and summer proposition. Winter is not what it used to be, or at least this present winter will not be its predecessor. The auto dealer is no longer a seasonal business.

No previous year was like 1915. Many were inclined to believe the spread of the motor car's popularity was something abnormal, a sort of bubble, a boom, to be followed by reactions. The tremendous sales of automobiles this year resulted from the logical spread of the auto's popularity and utility because of a couple of years of large crops, and because business has been good. Judging by conditions, it will be better next year.

Consequently the growth, which simply has deluged most all makers, has none of the aspects of a boom. There will be no afterglow of the year's action. There will be no letup in the ever-increasing popularity of the auto. All makers have made provisions for increased capacity for the coming year. Likewise, there will be more people wanting the output, and clamoring at dealers to get it, next year.

Manufacturers know all about the real underlying reasons which caused this year's tidal wave of demand to spring into existence. It was not the mere not substantial, not real, not lasting about that demand, they would be the first to know it. The manufacturer has the most irrefutable evidence of the demand. The wholesale expansion throughout the industry constitute the manufacturer's answer to next year.

The lesson from the situation as a whole reveals the obvious logic of buying new for next spring delivery. It is better to book the order now and do the waiting through the cold winter months than wait until spring and become one part of a triangle of vexation and disappointment involving yourself, the dealer, and the manufacturer.

The old rule of rush in the spring is in the discard; preparedness now is the byword of next year's motorist and if it is not, it should be.

Fred Harveycuter, of the firm of Chesley and Harveycuter, is putting himself on the back for what he believes is a clever idea. He has had erected at the corner of Seventh street and Pennsylvania avenue an electric sign, forty-five feet high and forty-five feet wide, containing 2,000 electric lights which proclaim to those who pass up and down this famous thoroughfare that his firm is the agent for the Kelly-Springfield tires. The sign is the largest electric sign in the city.

For the coming week, United States tires will have to sell themselves as "Ed" Johansen and "Bob" Willett, who devote their energies to exploiting this product, have gone to Detroit to attend the annual conference of their company.

## OBITUARY.

Funeral services for Mrs. Irene B. Brewer, who died Sunday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Allan Walker, with burial this morning at St. Thomas chapel, Woodley road, at 9 o'clock. Interment will be private.

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah S. Deane, widow of Charles Deane, who died Sunday, will be held at her home, 589 Massachusetts avenue northwest, this morning at 9:30 o'clock, and at St. Aloysius Church, where requiem mass will be celebrated. Interment will be private.

Funeral services for Mrs. Matthew Healy, who died Saturday, will be held this morning at 8:30, at the residence of her niece, Mrs. Katie Hodson, 45 St. Street southwest, and at St. Dominic's Church, where requiem mass will be celebrated.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary C. Moore, who died Sunday, will be held at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Carrie M. Steward, 217 First street northwest, this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Interment will be made in Battle Creek, Mich.

Funeral services for Mrs. Eleanor C. Scott, vice president of the Daughters of Veterans and prominent in patriotic and musical circles of Washington, who died Saturday at her residence, 415 Eleventh street northwest, will be held this morning at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Special services for her were held last night by the Daughters of the Veterans and the auxiliary of Catholic Camp, Sons of Veterans. Mrs. Scott was a native of Washington. She is survived by her husband and a small son.

## ANCIENT BEANS GROW.

Seeds Gathered by C.H.R. Dwellers Yield a Small Crop.

Wetmore, Kan., Dec. 13.—R. L. Munson has just finished harvesting small bean crop from seed supposed to be hundreds of years old. Last spring Clarence Sullivan, of Flatland, Ark., kept perking straight beans, and Mrs. J. J. Sullivan, several beans which were found in a leather bag stored away in one of the caves of the cliff dwellers. Sullivan gave two of the beans to Munson, who planted them as an experiment. One of the seeds germinated and bore three large pods of extra large beans.

## PRACTICAL HEALTH TALKS

Dr. Whitney's popular articles on health and beauty subjects in several leading magazines have been attracting marked attention for a number of years. No other writer on similar topics is better equipped for the work, for Dr. Whitney has established an enviable reputation as a specialist and is endowed with the ability to make herself easily understood by her readers. Her articles will answer all letters relating to her department as promptly as possible. All letters should be accompanied by a stamped envelope and should be addressed care of this paper.

## To Acquire Poise or Balance.

One who is well-balanced becomes a good dancer, and this very essential human attribute—balance, or mental poise—can be acquired and developed in the dance, but it must not be supposed that the execution of graceful evolutions can be performed without a good deal of preliminary practice, and it is therefore a capital plan to devote a short period each day to such simple exercises as will limber the joints and impart pliancy to the muscles.

These exercises are so simple that they scarcely require an explanation: For instance, stand firmly upon the floor and slowly raise and lower the body upon the toes; then raise upon the toes, bend and rock the body gently from side to side by means of the ankles only; next lower the body to the floor from the hips by unhooking the knee joints. It were next weary to describe the side to side with hip action alone. After this it is well to study the essential positions of the feet, unless this is correctly understood much of the value of dancing is lost.

In all these positions the body should be held erect, the shoulders thrown back and the knees kept perfectly straight and turned outward. In the construction of dances, these positions combined form steps, steps united make movements, and movements make dances. It is by means of these movements that advanced physical culturists are overcoming many physical weaknesses, deficiencies and actual diseases, such as rheumatic joints and muscular rheumatism, obesity, indigestion, enlarged liver, feeble circulatory systems and so on.

The correct positions of the body in dancing are five. The first position is formed by placing the heels together and throwing the toes back so that the feet form a straight line. In the first attempts at this position, the toes should not be drawn back more than will admit of the body maintaining its proper balance; they must be brought to the proper position only by degrees, until the feet can be placed heel to heel, in a straight line without affecting the steadiness of the body or arms.

The second position is formed by moving the right or left foot sideways from the first position to about the distance of its own length from the heel of the standing foot; of the foot thus placed the heel must be raised so that the toes alone rest on the ground, the instep being bent as

much as possible and the foot retaining its original direction outward. In this case, as in the first, the foot should be brought by degrees to the feet being kept close to each other so that the heel of one is brought to the ankle of the other, so they are nearly half crossed.

In the fourth position the foot is moved about its own length forward from the third position, keeping the heel forward and the toes backward during the progress of the foot. In the fifth position draw the foot back from the fourth position so that its heel is brought close to the toes of the other foot, the heel being completely crossed. The heel of the moving foot is gradually brought to the ground as it approaches the standing foot.

Now the simple preliminary exercises given above should be performed while practicing these positions: These foot-and-leg exercises are called physical-culture dancing, and impart lightness, swiftness, delicacy, grace and ease to all one's body movements and immensely facilitate the rhythmic action of dancing. Even if the dance is not the object sought, these steps correct weak and clumsy ankles, and give grace and suppleness to the body and greatly improve the balance. In this exercise the knees should be kept slightly bent and it may be necessary to support oneself on a firm object until greater power and facility are acquired.

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## Answers to Queries.

Millicent: The liver is a much abused and little understood organ. Phosphate of sodium is perhaps your best remedy if you are quite sure your trouble is "biliousness." The dose is a teaspoonful in a tumbler of fairly hot water a half hour before breakfast. It might be well for you to abstain from eggs and all liquids except pure water.

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IN THE BASEMENT STORE OF THE PALAIS ROYAL SHOE SHOP

## NEW-YORK-DAY-BY-DAY. O-O-MEINTYRE.

Special Correspondent of The Washington Herald. New York, Dec. 13.—Power O'Malley, an artist, who looks like one of his Van Dyke beard and Hubbard-like, met a friend of Bertram Braley's the other day. Braley is the poet who went on the Ford peace ship. He was married on deck, thus hastening a happy event that had been scheduled for next spring. O'Malley is slightly hard of hearing. The friend said: "Braley was married just before the ship sailed for Europe."

"Married?" said O'Malley, cupping his ear. "I thought you said it was a peace ship." O'Malley figured in another amusing incident recently when his return to New York. He has been a vigorous foe of capital punishment and much interested in prison reform work. While in Union Square recently a husky young kid snatched his watch and fled. O'Malley pursued and after several blocks ran the culprit down. He marched him over to a place in the park. He accused him for his act and after tears of repentance he decided to allow the young thief to go.

"Now see if you cannot make something of yourself in the future," he said. "Try to be a man." The thief walked away into thought. Ten minutes later O'Malley discovered his watch was gone again.

There is a certain boarding house on the Upper West Side that is patronized almost exclusively by medical students. It is one of the kind of places where you can tell the day of the week by the bill of fare. The landlady always made it a point to have departing guests write something for her visitors' book. She is very proud of it and some of her former guests have become notable. In his student days Dr. P. M. Plank, now a prominent physician in Missouri, once stopped at the boarding house. He also wrote in the book.

The crusade has resulted in a suggestion for an "anti-odor" dinner. The smells of Edgewater will be a delightful subject for after-dinner oratory. The battle song should be "Out of the stench by Christmas."

Frank M. O'Brien has a feminine friend who read Dr. Plank's message to Congress. After finishing she pushed the paper away in disgust. "There," she snapped, "I've read all these five columns about preparedness and ships and bond tariffs and he doesn't say a single word about the wedding!"

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